

ANTARCTIC TREATY
Signed at Washington December 1, 1959
Measures (1) adopted at the
Twenty-fifth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
Warsaw, September 10-20, 2002

Effective Date: December 19, 2002 *

State	Date of Government's Approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America **
Argentina	
Australia	March 20, 2003
Belgium	January 29, 2004
Brazil	May 25, 2006
Bulgaria	
Chile	June 5, 2007
China	May 4, 2004
Ecuador	
Finland	
France	
Germany	April 28, 2005
India	December 7, 2005
Italy	

* Date on which the Management Plans annexed to the Measure were deemed to have been approved. Article 6, paragraph 1, of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty provides that "... Management Plans may be approved by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties by a measure adopted at an Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in accordance with Article IX(1) of the Antarctic Treaty. Unless the measure specifies otherwise, the Plan shall be deemed to have been approved 90 days after the close of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting at which it was adopted, unless one or more of the Consultative Parties notifies the Depositary, within that time period, that it wishes an extension of that period or is unable to approve the measure." The Measure did not specify a different approval method.

** The date of the Government's approval is considered to be the date of that Government's notification of such approval to other Governments, unless stated otherwise therein. If the notification states that the Government had approved the Measure on an earlier date, that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

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Japan	
Korea, Rep. of	
Netherlands	September 29, 2003 ¹
New Zealand	December 10, 2002
Norway	
Peru	November 5, 2003
Poland	January 15, 2009
Russian Federation	June 10, 2005
South Africa	May 11, 2005
Spain	
Sweden	May 11, 2005
United Kingdom	April 14, 2003
United States	
Uruguay	

1. For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

"With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

"These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

"The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting 'the Caribbean part of the Netherlands'. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to

these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements.”

Department of State,

Washington, January 25, 2013.